

BOXING MANAGERS STRONG FOR FICTION—NOW WIRE STORY HOURS BEFORE ACT GOES ON

EBBETS MAY GREET "HOMECOMERS," BUT WILL AVOID "EAGANS"

Scenes of World Baseball Tourists' Return Likely to Be Staged When Star Ball Players Begin Arriving From Overseas, but Dodger Owner Certain to Be Cautious

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HISTORY is about to repeat itself. In a short time many ocean-going scows will pull into New York harbor, loaded to the guards with soldiers, ball players and more soldiers.

That was the time of the Federal League war. Enormous salaries were being offered by the outlaw organization and the signing was fast and furious.

Tris Speaker was the big noise of the day. The Feds wanted him, and Joe Lannin, who just had purchased the Red Sox, was ready to pay any price to get Speaker's name to a contract.

After climbing aboard the liner—which happened to be the Lusitania—the magnates got busy and talked to the players. It was believed that no contracts had been signed, but as the party was going down the gangplank Ebbets, in his best oratorical manner, said:

"Gentlemen, I wish to announce that I have been highly successful today. I have just signed Dick Eagan! Congratulate me!"

That was a great speech save for one minor detail. Ebbets had NOT signed Eagan, but just talked things over and thought the deal had been closed.

That story is well known among the ball players, and now, five years later, comes the "history repeats itself" stuff.

SHERROD SMITH, the Brooklyn pitcher, is on the other side. He expects to return soon and shipped a letter to Ebbets.

Burns Only Unsigned Athletic Infielder

ALL Connie Mack needs now is a first baseman and his infield will be complete. This morning the sage of the diamond was on the job bright and early with the startling announcement that Maurice Shannon, who used to flow around second base, had signed the papers for 1919 and would join the home trainers at Shibe Park on April 1.

Shannon is a likely looking kid, but will have some trouble this year in grabbing a regular berth. With Jimmy Dykes and Roy Grover trying for the keystone sack, the River Shannon will have to be at high tide.

The sorrel-topped athlete left the team last July to fill an important engagement with his Uncle Samuel. He cast his lot with the warriors of the deep blue sea and spent lots of time on the briny. He was laboring on a mine-sweeper, and any guy who could stand that has no fear of a siege of home training.

Shannon was nabbed by the A's after spending a season with Baltimore. Before that he had lingered a short time with the Boston Braves and Rochester. He did fairly well last year with the A's, but who couldn't?

George Burns, our star first baseman and slugger extraordinary, still is at large and has not signed a contract or anything. Connie will be in the fold before the opening practice.

CONNIE is trying a new system this year. The old bunkroll has been dusted off, the rubber band removed and some real money will be paid to high-class talent.

Boxing Managers Growing More Enterprising

ONCE upon a time a bright boxing manager decided to assist the sporting editors by giving his own version of the battles engaged in by his fighters.

But that was old stuff. The present wire athletes are too cunning to wait until a fight is over or until it even takes place.

"Joe Dorsey, of Philadelphia, defeated Battling Leonard in eight fast rounds.

"Max Williamson defeated Little Bear, the Montana Indian, in eight sensational rounds before a crowded house tonight."

Now that telegram was all right save for one little thing. It was filed at 8:08 p. m. and the show didn't start until 8:30.

WHEN he was leaving the telegraph office Curley ran into Monteth.

"Never mind sending any wires," he shouted, "because I have beaten you to it. The whole world knows that Young Brown knocked Doyle's block off!"

Kid Gleason Silently Searching for Talent

WILLIAM GLEASON, new manager of the White Sox, has returned from Chicago, where he talked things over with Owner Comiskey.

"THE Boston club is exceptionally strong and right now looks like a sure winner, but you never can tell what will happen. We will play some good baseball and win lots of games."

Sutherland Should Make Good at Lafayette

THE selection of "Jock" Sutherland, of Pittsburgh, as coach of the Lafayette football team is a wise one, and the Maroon and White should profit greatly thereby.

AT LAFAYETTE he will make good if there is any kind of material. The Maroon and White has not done very much on the gridiron since the departure of Willie Crowell, and it's about time to get a comeback.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



TAD JONES AGAINST REFORMS Still Favors Secret Practice and Training Table

New Haven, Feb. 26.—Tad Jones very likely may be counted out of the running for the football coaching job at Yale. It has been understood that Yale had asked Jones to come back next fall to finish the term of his contract, but Jones denies that he has been approached.

HARVARD TEAM CHOSEN Crimson Relay Quartets Named to Oppose Yale

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 26.—The Harvard varsity and freshman relay teams which will race against Yale's varsity and freshman relays at Saturday night's indoor games of the Boston Athletic Association in Boston, were picked yesterday in the trials conducted by "Foot" Donovan.

Cornell Cage Team Wins

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Cornell defeated Rochester 35 to 27 at basketball last night. Captain Orner starred for the locals, making seven field goals.

Central High to Start Rowing Practice Soon

By PAUL PREP Gather around closely and give your undivided attention, readers, for we have fallen about another clue in the scholastic crew mystery and are anxious to throw it off our chests. Here is the latest in a nutshell, or something like that: Crew practice will start today at the Central High School.

There is more in the ten words above than will be thought at the first glance. Some time ago the supervisory committee on public high school athletics ruled that rowing must be abolished in the local high schools.

It is reported on good authority that Professor Hill, the Central High crew faculty adviser, has word from some one "up higher," as it were, that the supervisory committee will reconsider its action and permit Central High to have a crew. Thus the late rush for the indoor practice. This time last year the Mirrors were out on the Schuylkill doing their worst in a big barge that Penn had loaned them.

No meeting was held yesterday, but more than fifty fellows have signed up for crew work. Among this number are nine members of last year's squad.

SWIM TRIALS AT PENN Quakers Show Form in Weekly Workouts in Tank

Prospects for Penn's swimming meet with Columbia on Saturday were considerably brightened by the results of the fifth weekly tank contests in Weightman Hall.

100-foot novice race—Won by Martyr; second, Armstrong; third, Edevez; fourth, Peinold. Time, 1:45. 50-yard dash—Won by Martyr; second, Goldstein; third, Stiefel; fourth, McShane. Time, 27.5. 100-yard swim—Won by Siegried; second, Wiener; third, Taylor; fourth, Murdock. Time, 1:14.5. 200-yard dash—Won by Armstrong; second, Sullivan; third, Stiefel; fourth, Goldstein. Time, 37.5. 200-yard swim—Won by Armstrong; second, Wiener; third, Lippincott. Time, 2:15. 500-yard dash—Won by Mannaker; second, Meyer; third, Elderkin (71 ft. 9 in. scratch). Distance, 74 ft.

Triangular Swim Tonight

New York, Feb. 26.—A triangular swimming meet will be held tonight in the City College pool between the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University and the College of the City of New York.

Burns and Chaney Draw

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—Frankie Burns, of Jersey City, and Young Chaney, of this city, boxed twelve rounds to a draw here last night.

TED'S DEFEAT SHOWS HE'S GOING DOWN HILL

Collegiate Race of 1914 Repeated as Caldwell Beats Meredith in Millrose 600 Special

PENN'S RUNNERS STAR

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

New York, Feb. 26.—The intercollegiate half mile championship of 1914 was run over again last night as the 600 special of the annual Millrose games, in humanity-jammed Madison Square Garden.

As was the case five years ago, Dave Caldwell, then of Cornell and now of the Boston A. A., was the winner last night, and Ted Meredith, erstwhile of Pennsylvania, and now of Meadowbrook, was third, but what a change a half decade has made.

Five years ago Meredith lost because he was inexperienced, because he didn't know his own strength. He lost last night because he was against a better man, because time and war have taken toll from his physique. The Meredith of 1914 is no more. Ted has gone back, but the Meredith of 1919 has a long way to go before he is merely an ordinary runner.

Beaten on Stretch In the Millrose 600, Ted was beaten on the stretch. He turned into the straightaway second to Caldwell, and finished third, with Tom Campbell, a Chicago school boy, second. A few years ago it was virtually impossible to outstrip him on the home stretch.

Captain Ted has two legs on the post trophy, the prize in the 600. It takes three legs to gain permanent possession. The post trophy will never rest in the Meredith household.

Caldwell won last night in one minute, sixteen and three-fifths seconds. Prior to the race Ted believed 1:15 would be good enough to win. It was, but Ted couldn't do it, and neither could any one else in the field.

At the gun the Pennsylvania hero stepped out like the Meredith of old and snatched the pole at the first turn. Off from the line with him were Caldwell, Campbell, C. C. Shaughnessy, of the Knights of St. Anthony, and Homer Baker, former New York star, who is running unattached.

Homer Baker Falls As the field rounded into the first straightaway, Baker's feet got all balled up, and he fell sprawling full length across the boards. That was a break for Ted, for the rest of the field behind Baker was held up at least two strides. The Meadowbrook flier stayed out in front for the first lap, but then Caldwell asserted himself and sprinted to the pace-setting position. Campbell was third and Shaughnessy brought up the rear. They ran in that position until they entered the home stretch.

The battle was on. Twelve thousand persons showed encouragement as Meredith called upon his stiffening muscles to carry him to the tape. Up came his legs a little higher, his head was thrown back and his face twisted with exertion. He put everything he had into that drive, but the Besley, Caldwell was not to be caught. He drew farther away with each lift of his ankles, and Campbell, sprinting desperately, crept closer.

As they neared the tape, Campbell flashed into second place, Caldwell won by two yards from Campbell, with Meredith the same distance in the wake of the westerner.

Two Penn Victories The race was reversed with the University of Pennsylvania, however, for the Red and Blue triumphed in its two relay events. The varsity team, composed of Raymond, Davis, Gustafson and Smith, won the intercollegiate mile in 3:34.5, and the second team of Weedon, Brown, Brewster and Rogers copped the interclub handicap mile in 3:31 flat.

Michigan Plans to Quit Eastern Collegiates

New York, Feb. 26.—Whether the University of Michigan will retain its membership in the I. C. A. A. A. probably will be decided when that association holds its annual convention in the Waldorf-Astoria, Saturday afternoon.

The Wolverine did not take part in the intercollegiate championships last spring and it is understood they will not be represented in the meet this year, because they are once more full-fledged members of the Western Conference. It is understood that they will permit their membership in the I. C. A. A. A. to lapse, California Stanford, which are also members of the I. C. A. A. A., are expected to make known at the meeting whether or not they will be represented at the championship meet this year.

Ted looked neither to the right nor left as he walked to the dressing room, but he was accorded a burst of sympathy that rarely is extended to a defeated athlete. The twelve thousand who crowded every corner of the huge stadium sent a greeting to Ted that belied the adage that the sporting public forgets.

Five years ago Meredith could have beaten Caldwell and George Brown, the former Yale runner, in the intercollegiate half mile if he had had more experience. Last night he couldn't beat Caldwell with all the knowledge that the lessons of a half decade have imparted.

Aside from the 600 special, the other big feature of the evening was the mile and a half for the Rodman Wannamaker cup, and that prize of athletic supremacy soon will be on its way to a little town outside of Chicago. It is now the exclusive property of Jole Ray, famous runner of the Illinois A. C., who won his third leg on the trophy last night.

Ray Wins Easily The little western youth, who is a marvel of form and speed, had things his own sweet way. He won as he pleased in six minutes and fifty-four seconds flat. George Nightingale, of New Hampshire state, was second; Clyde Stout, of Chicago, third, and C. A. Leath, of the Boston A. A., fourth.

Despite the fact that the best athletes in the country were gathered in Madison Square, records stood up steadfastly. The only mark touched during the entertainment was the seventy-yard hurdle games record, which was equaled by Lieutenant Bob Simpson, former Missouri sensation. Simpson covered the distance over the sticks in eight and two-fifths seconds.

It was a bad night for Meadowbrook Club athletes, for not only first place was won by the Philadelphia club members. They lost to Millrose in the one-mile match relay by a wide margin. The best the Dallas boys did was to take second in the interclub relay.

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